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## **MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, JANUARY 1989**

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### **ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

*State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure* (5646.0) (quarterly) (\$7.50)

### **EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

*Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (6302.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia* (6312.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*Overtime, Australia* (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) (monthly) (\$12.00)

### **PRICES**

*Consumer Price Index* (6401.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin* (6407.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (6408.0) (monthly) (\$3.25)

### **BUILDING**

*Building Activity, Australia* (8752.0) (quarterly) (\$11.50)

*Building Approvals, Australia* (8731.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

### **RETAIL TRADE**

*Retail Trade, Australia* (8501.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Information Paper: Introduction of Improved Monthly Retail Trade Statistics* (8511.0)

### **PRODUCTION**

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

### **NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS**

*Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia* (9303.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

### **BANKS**

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

### **HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION**

*Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0) (monthly) (\$7.50)

### **OVERSEAS TRADE**

*Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5432.0) (\$7.50)

*Imports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5433.0) (\$7.50)

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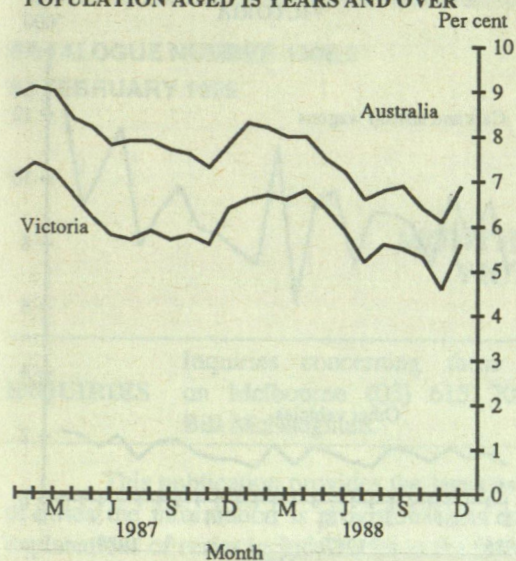


Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Dec 88	1,627.7	1,591.4	1,596.1	1,591.8	1,589.3	2.4	6,087.4	4.8
- total	'000	Dec 88	2,034.3	1,991.4	1,967.4	1,987.5	1,969.4	2.3	7,603.2	4.6
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Dec 88	86.3	73.2	81.4	87.1	101.8	-15.2	442.5	-16.6
- total	'000	Dec 88	121.0	97.1	109.9	114.9	133.6	-9.4	562.9	-13.8
Labour force	'000	Dec 88	2,155.3	2,088.5	2,077.3	2,102.4	2,103.0	2.5	8,166.1	3.2
Participation rate	per cent	Dec 88	64.3	62.4	62.1	63.0	63.7	0.1	63.5	1.1
Unemployment rate	per cent	Dec 88	5.6	4.6	5.3	5.5	6.4	-12.5	6.9	-16.4
Job vacancies	'000	Nov 88	19.5	18.1	18.6	16.3	11.3	72.6	66.7	17.1
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Nov 88	1.56	1.45	1.54	1.50	1.69	-0.8	1.48	9.0
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$	Aug 88	475.90	469.30	465.50	454.10	447.10	6.4	470.90	6.5
Males	\$	Aug 88	504.40	498.30	493.90	482.80	472.80	6.7	497.80	6.4
Females	\$	Aug 88	420.10	412.20	409.30	396.60	394.50	6.5	415.00	6.8
All employees total earnings	\$	Aug 88	417.00	414.90	414.40	408.50	395.40	5.5	415.70	6.2
Males	\$	Aug 88	486.30	483.50	476.30	473.10	454.50	7.0	486.20	6.6
Females	\$	Aug 88	324.60	322.70	326.70	318.10	311.70	4.1	319.60	5.8
CONSUMER PRICES (a)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -										
Food	index	Sep qr 88	179.5	174.0	167.7	164.9	164.1	9.4	175.1	9.3
Clothing	index	Sep qr 88	171.2	170.3	163.3	163.6	158.8	7.8	170.8	7.4
Housing	index	Sep qr 88	193.7	189.1	186.8	183.9	183.4	5.6	188.0	9.1
Household equipment & operation	index	Sep qr 88	178.6	176.1	174.7	173.1	169.8	5.2	179.0	6.0
Transportation	index	Sep qr 88	181.1	180.8	180.2	181.4	174.7	3.7	191.1	5.1
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Sep qr 88	201.9	199.1	195.6	190.1	186.8	8.1	205.6	6.7
Health & personal care	index	Sep qr 88	192.6	190.8	185.8	177.7	173.4	11.1	180.6	10.3
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Sep qr 88	161.1	160.4	158.6	152.7	152.1	5.9	158.1	6.3
All groups	index	Sep qr 88	183.0	180.4	177.1	174.5	171.6	6.6	182.4	7.3
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Oct 88	1,636.2	1,603.2	1,570.6	1,528.1	1,363.6	20.0	6,186.8	8.3
PRODUCTION										
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	Oct 88	37	37	43	37	36	0.3	192	6.6
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Oct 88	379	372	366	318	339	11.8	1,543	10.0
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Oct 88	44,791	41,557	44,286	44,836	35,526	26.1	66,130	3.2
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Oct 88	3,316	3,416	3,334	3,401	3,376	-0.2	3,985	10.5
Cars & station wagons	'000	Oct 88	18.1	19.0	20.3	17.3	19.7	-0.9	34.1	4.8
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Oct 88	795	952	884	837	1,143	-30.4	1,887	-11.9
- Wool	tonnes	Oct 88	1,508	1,515	1,480	1,511	1,502	0.0	2,098	-4.9
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Oct 88	1,592	1,977	1,953	1,500	2,040	-22.0	3,032	0.2
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Oct 88	282	258	363	268	348	-19.0	929	-23.3
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Oct 88	7,538	7,443	7,445	6,826	7,477	0.9	18,369	14.3
Electricity	million kWh	Oct 88	3,098	2,727	2,893	2,520	2,848	8.8	11,829	5.3
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Oct 88	1,365.5	1,185.4	1,352.0	1,312.2	1,148.9	18.9	4,295.2	14.0
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Oct 88	677.9	676.8	631.9	687.5	693.4	-2.2	3,578.9	4.0
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Nov 88	3,273	2,988	3,304	3,309	2,479	32.0	13,070	20.7
New other residential building	No.	Nov 88	324	295	238	314	411	-21.1	4,194	58.7
Value of all building	\$m	Nov 88	687.6	547.9	562.6	488.7	637.4	7.9	2,491.3	15.2
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Sep qr 88	8,350	7,330	6,720	7,230	6,110	36.7	32,430	32.9
Value of new houses	\$m	Sep qr 88	655.1	557	520.2	523.1	435.7	50.6	2,442.5	42.7
New other residential buildings	No.	Sep qr 88	1,294	1,034	1,298	1,061	1,070	20.9	10,952	54.6
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Sep qr 88	70.5	54.4	73.1	54.6	57.3	23.0	529.2	87.1
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Sep qr 88	697.4	1,053.8	593.8	726.7	716.3	-2.6	3,101.2	26.4
Value of all building	\$m	Sep qr 88	1,537.3	1,773.4	1,291.9	1,409.4	1,312.1	17.2	6,529.1	35.1
Work done in period	\$m	Sep qr 88	1,600.7	1,464.7	1,321.8	1,408.8	1,391.8	15.0	6,045.8	19.8
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Oct 88	123.4	122.6	121.6	120.8	111.1	11.1	123.6	11.1
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Oct 88	208.1	206.2	204.2	202.9	187.9	10.8	211.3	10.3
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Nov 88	14,441	11,169	12,012	13,655	7,343	96.7	52,960	18.3
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Nov 88	12,271	9,102	10,341	11,621	6,204	97.8	42,188	14.4
Motor cycles	No.	Nov 88	2,170	2,067	1,671	2,034	1,139	90.5	10,772	35.7
Motor cycles	No.	Nov 88	577	135	252	274	217	165.9	1,865	-13.6
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Nov 88	22,526	21,977	22,587	22,359	20,190	11.6	65,711	17.1
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	Nov 88	6,390	6,187	5,730	5,663	5,595	14.2	22,129	9.3
Fixed deposits	\$m	Nov 88	9,112	8,743	7,880	7,743	7,927	15.0	33,376	11.6
Advances	\$m	Nov 88	17,108	17,034	16,301	15,659	15,229	12.3	55,657	12.6
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	Nov 88	35,272	35,565	34,579	34,187	33,585	5.1	175,776	9.1
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Oct 88	528.9	497.2	596.4	515.2	416.6	27.0	1,947.3	22.1
Savings banks	\$m	Oct 88	396.2	375.0	441.4	374.2	313.8	26.3	1,329.5	19.1
Trading banks	\$m	Oct 88	37.0	36.8	47.3	43.5	25.9	42.9	210.5	31.0
Permanent building societies	\$m	Oct 88	67.6	63.0	74.0	70.1	58.6	15.4	311.0	31.0
Other lenders	\$m	Oct 88	28.1	22.4	33.7	27.2	18.3	53.6	96.4	15.3
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)										
Manufacturing	\$m	Jun qr 88	1,770	1,419	1,723	1,445	1,607	10.1	6,665	12.0
Finance	\$m	Jun qr 88	790	592	626	591	571	38.4	1,957	17.6
New building and structures	\$m	Jun qr 88	466	418	599	422	637	-26.8	1,775	27.1
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Jun qr 88	537	395	544	448	422	27.3	2,235	13.4
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Jun qr 88	1,233	1,024	1,179	997	1,185	4.1	4,303	11.3

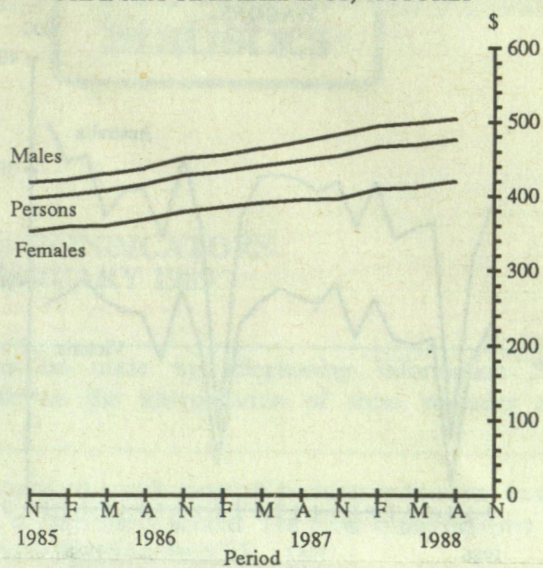
(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.



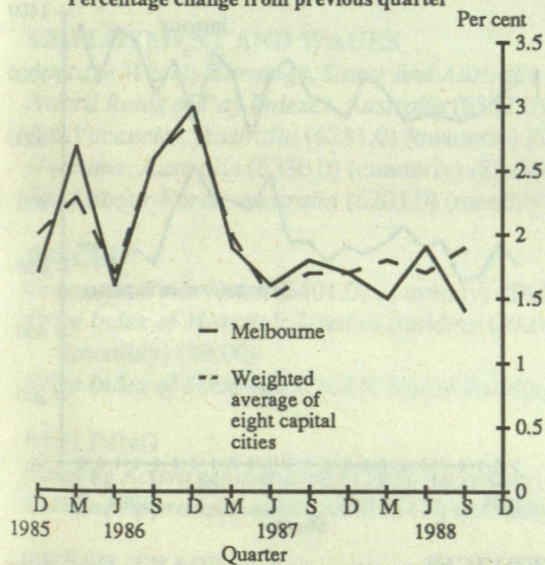
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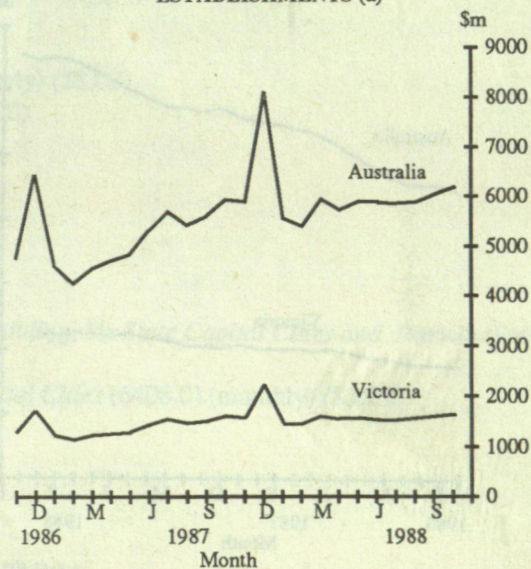
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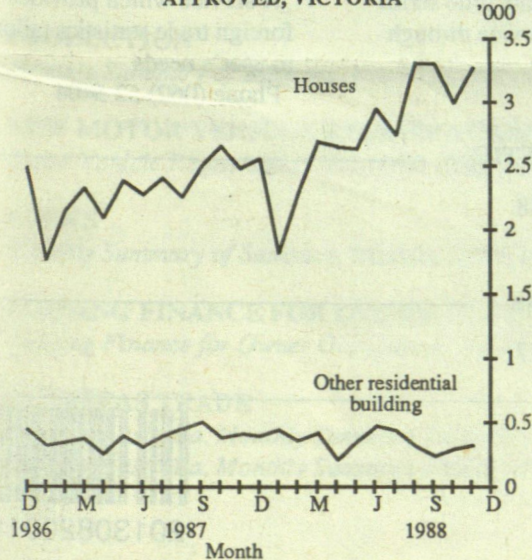
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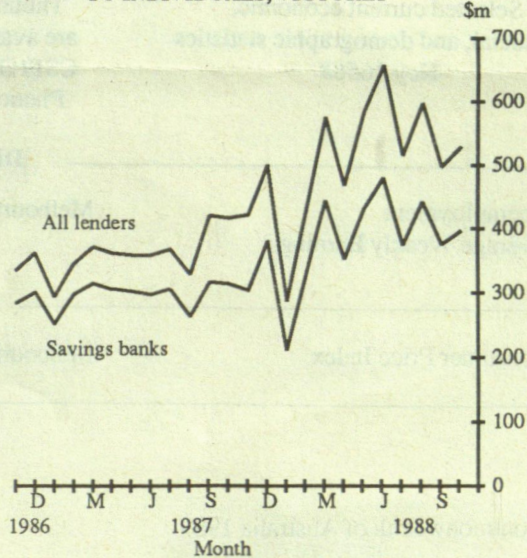
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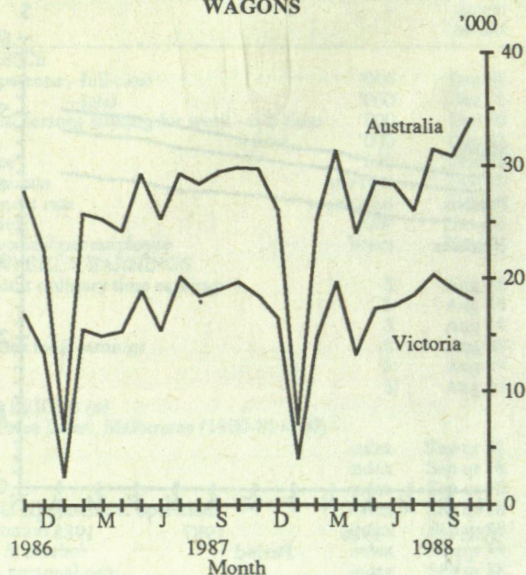


SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS  
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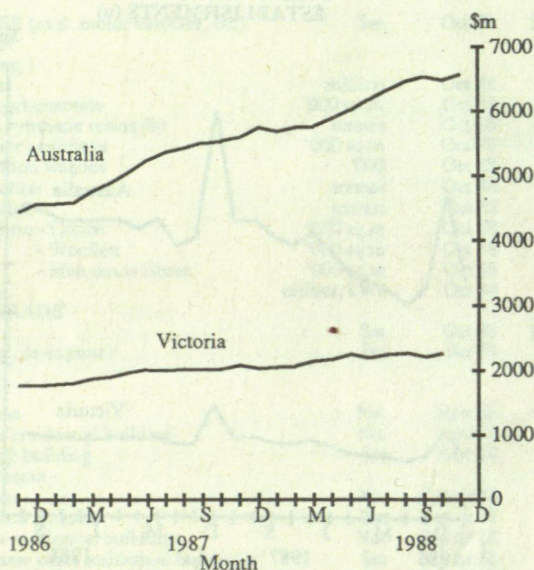




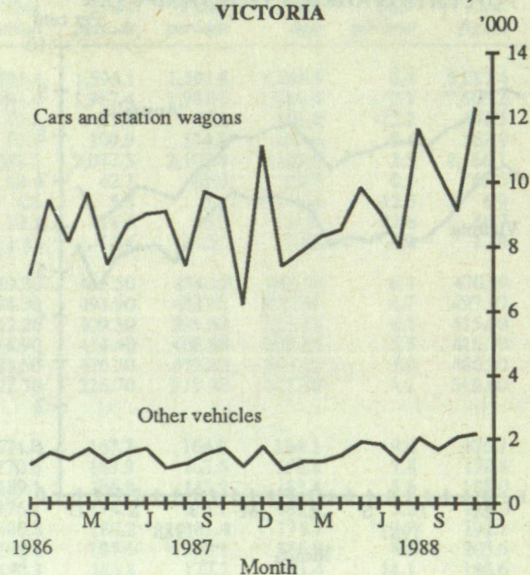
PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION  
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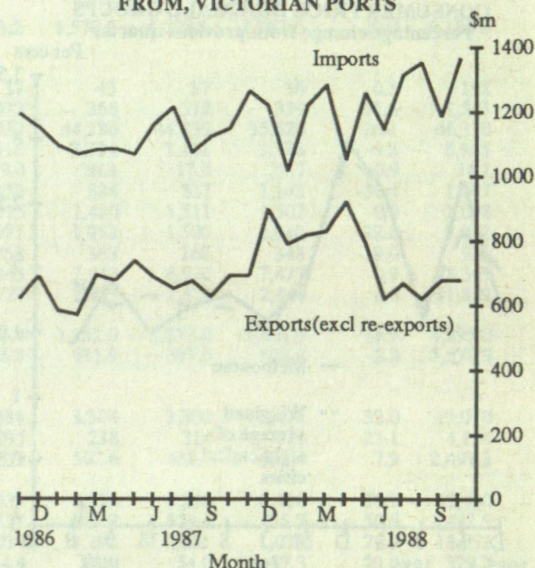
SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,  
VICTORIA



VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS  
FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



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